

MEDIA, PA—On April 15, 2009, Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) announced that the Havertown Superfund site will receive up to \$5 million in additional Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson announced that, nationwide, Superfund hazardous waste cleanup sites will receive \$600 million in new funding.

“This type of funding exemplifies the dual use of the stimulus the President and the Congress have enacted,” said Congressman Sestak. “This funding will have the immediate impact of stopping potential job cuts and adding new jobs. But we are not just spending for the sake of stimulus: this is a strategic investment in our long-term health and prosperity by cleaning up a dangerous blight in our community.”

“I have been actively involved with this Havertown site since prior to taking office,” the Congressman continued. “I continue to meet with EPA officials, township leaders, and community groups to stay up-to-date on cleanup efforts and I am greatly encouraged to see this project receive the funding it needs.”

In the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Congress appropriated \$600 million to the EPA to clean up land contaminated by hazardous wastes. The EPA will use the funds to start long-term cleanup projects and to accelerate ongoing construction projects at sites listed on the National Priorities List.

The EPA decided which projects to fund based on consideration of a variety of factors, including human and ecological risk; jobs created or maintained; and construction readiness.

The benefits of applying stimulus funds to the Superfund program include the creation of new jobs and maintenance of existing jobs; investment in new or accelerated long-term construction projects that, in addition to directly generating jobs, also increase demand for construction materials; and increasing the speed with which sites are returned to productive use.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a

series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of “Deep Blue,” the Navy’s anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the “Global War on Terrorism.” He served as President Clinton’s Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.

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